



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Attorney's Office, City Hall – 7th, fl. Large Conference Room, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair
Jennifer Lopez
Cynthia Schiesel
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5

Members Absent:

Suzanne Elefante
Barbara O'Brien

Ward 2
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Karen Brandel
Kathleen May

Advisory Members Absent:

Geoffrey Boyce
Stephen Nekolek

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney's Office

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Police Auditor
Robert Barton, Police Auditor

Others Present:

Sergeant Sandy Sellers, Tucson Police Department
Officer Jen Howell, Tucson Police Department
Ana Smith, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Introduction of new TPOA representative

Sergeant Sandy Sellers talked about her professional life.

3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of March 18, 2008

Motion by Chair Thornton, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Suzanne Elefante and Barbara O'Brien absent) to approve the minutes of March 18, 2008, with the following corrections: Items 3, 8, 9 and 14, motion should read (Jennifer Lopez absent) the word excused deleted.

4. First Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

5. Presentation : The history of CPARB and future direction of the board

Item continued to the May 20, 2008, meeting.

6. Establishment of a Training Subcommittee to address the process of the orientation of new members and to address ongoing board education needs

Chair Thornton asked the Board for volunteers to serve on the Training Subcommittee. Cynthia Schiesel and Sue Thornton volunteered and Jennifer Lopez volunteered as an alternate.

7. Tucson Police Department:

- A. Tucson Police Department (TPD) Updates: Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Captain Bob Shoun stated Interim Police Chief Kermit Miller sent his regrets that he was not able to attend the meeting today. Starting next month Interim Police Chief Miller will be sending Assistant TPD Chiefs to CPARB meetings on a rotating basis.

Captain Bob Shoun explained the Police Chief's selection process. He stated that the position would not be advertised until January of 2009, the exact process has not yet been determine, however citizens' participation would be a key component of that process.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month.

No report given.

8. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case# 07-0671

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Suzanne Elefante and Barbara O'Brien absent) to find Case #07-0671 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case #08-0129

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Suzanne Elefante and Barbara O'Brien absent) to find Case #08-0129 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case #07-0502

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Suzanne Elefante and Barbara O'Brien absent) to find Case #07-0502 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. Recess

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Suzanne Elefante and Barbara O'Brien absent) to forego recess.

10. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for February-March 2008.

#10 The Board asked if the Number 10 question relating to Gang Graffiti was closely related to the e-mails that they had been receiving and wanted to know if there was anything that TPD could do to get correct information out to the public. It was stated that TPD could contact the press with the correct information.

#12 The Board asked if there were any complaints to Internal Affairs about the non-emergency number or police officers not being responsive and if the person who complained had been contacted. It was stated that there had been no complaints about police officers and that this citizen was a frequent user of the non-emergency number. Because of this a police officer was sent out to the home to get face to face contact and improve service in general with the person.

11. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

12. Report from the Chair / Announcements

- Chair Thornton announced the public was invited to attend the Outreach Subcommittee meeting to be held at the El Rio Neighborhood Center on April 16, 2008.
- Chair Thornton announced to the Board the Police Academy was available any Saturday in October 2008, for the Training Day. She asked the Board to pick a Saturday that everybody would be available to attend.

13. Future Agenda Items

- Presentation from the City Attorney's office on how they pursue a case when it is presented to them.
- Presentation by the Cold Case Investigation Unit in the month of June.
- Presentation by the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) on Mental Health Issues.
- Process or procedures on how TPD handles homeless issues in the downtown area.

14. Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Suzanne Elefante and Barbara O'Brien absent) to adjourn.